

# SENATE, No. 4150

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

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**SYNOPSIS**

Appropriates \$4.5 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to State Agriculture Development Committee for municipal planning incentive grants for farmland preservation purposes.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



1   **AN ACT** appropriating \$4,500,000 from constitutionally dedicated  
2       corporation business tax revenues to the State Agriculture  
3       Development Committee for municipal planning incentive grants  
4       for farmland preservation purposes.

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6       **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
7       *of New Jersey:*

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9       1. a. There is appropriated to the State Agriculture  
10      Development Committee the sum of \$4,500,000 from dedicated  
11      corporation business tax revenues pursuant to Article VIII, Section  
12      II, paragraph 6 of the State Constitution in the “Preserve New  
13      Jersey Farmland Preservation Fund,” established pursuant to section  
14      8 of the “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-50),  
15      for the purpose of providing municipal planning incentive grants  
16      pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1999, c.180 (C.4:1C-43.1) and  
17      approved as eligible for such funding pursuant to this section.

18      b. The following municipalities are eligible for funding, in  
19      accordance with the rules and regulations of the State Agriculture  
20      Development Committee providing for a municipal planning  
21      incentive grant program, with the monies appropriated pursuant to  
22      subsection a. of this section:

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Municipality	County	Amount of Grant
Franklin Twp	Gloucester	\$500,000
Colts Neck Twp	Monmouth	\$1,000,000
Pilesgrove Twp	Salem	\$1,000,000
Pittsgrove Twp	Salem	\$1,000,000
Upper Pittsgrove Twp	Salem	\$1,000,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$4,500,000</b>

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25      2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the  
26      “Preserve New Jersey Farmland Preservation Fund,” established  
27      pursuant to section 8 of the “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016,  
28      c.12 (C.13:8C-50), the sum of \$4,500,000 to implement the  
29      provisions of this act.

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31      3. The expenditure of the sums appropriated by this act is  
32      subject to the provisions and conditions of P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-  
33      43 et seq.), P.L.1999, c.180 (C.4:1C-43.1), P.L.1999, c.152  
34      (C.13:8C-1 et seq.), and P.L.1983, c.32 (C.4:1C-11 et seq.), as  
35      appropriate.

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37      4. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill would appropriate \$4.5 million to the State Agriculture Development Committee (SADC) for municipal planning incentive grants pursuant to a program established by P.L.1999, c.180 (C.4:1C-43.1) for farmland preservation purposes.

The funding in this bill is provided from constitutionally dedicated corporation business tax (CBT) revenues pursuant to Article VIII, Section II, paragraph 6 of the State Constitution, approved by the voters of the State in November 2014. The “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-43 et seq.), implements the constitutional dedication of CBT revenues for open space, farmland, and historic preservation. The “Preserve New Jersey Farmland Preservation Fund” was established pursuant to section 8 of the “Preserve New Jersey Act.”

Under the bill, five municipalities will each receive a “base grant” of either \$500,000 or \$1 million, as specified in the bill.

The bill appropriates to the “Preserve New Jersey Farmland Preservation Fund” moneys from the General Fund already constitutionally dedicated to the “Preserve New Jersey Farmland Preservation Fund” for the purpose of making the appropriations required by this bill.

The allocations and projects listed in the bill have been approved by the SADC and the Garden State Preservation Trust.